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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Davis—Protestors in Ethiopia Kill UC Davis Student

(U) UC Davis officials said yesterday that a postdoctoral researcher in the university's plant biology department was killed on 4 October in Ethiopia when the vehicle she was riding in was stoned by protesters. Sharon Gray, 30, was on the outskirts of Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, following a meeting related to her research, when the passenger van she was in was struck by rocks, causing an injury that Gray subsequently died from. Crowds have attacked other vehicles since a stampede at a weekend protest—centered on land and political rights—killed at least 55 people, according to news reports.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Sacramento Bee](#)

### (U) Lancaster—LA County Sheriff's Sergeant Killed, Suspect in Custody

(U) A Los Angeles County sheriff's sergeant was shot and killed in Lancaster yesterday while responding to a residential burglary call, setting off a manhunt for a gunman who tried to flee in the slain officer's cruiser and held two teenagers hostage before he was captured, authorities said. Sheriff's officials identified the victim as Steve Owen, a 29-year department veteran and the first sheriff's deputy fatally shot while on duty in more than a decade. Authorities did not name the suspect, but said he is a 27-year-old resident of the Antelope Valley and is on active parole.

SOURCE: 5 October 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

### (U) Los Angeles—Two Columbians Accused of Trafficking Three Tons of Cocaine

(U) Two Colombian men have been extradited to Los Angeles to face charges that they tried to smuggle tons of cocaine into the United States, federal prosecutors announced yesterday. Dicson Penagos-Casanova, 36, and Juan Gabriel Rios Sierra, 34, allegedly handled at least \$70 million worth of cocaine that was seized by authorities after planes carrying the drugs crashed, the US attorney's office said. An indictment unsealed on 4 October contends that Penagos and Rios arranged for cocaine processed in laboratories outside Meta, Colombia, to be smuggled to Los Angeles, other US points, and Mexico.

SOURCE: 5 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Columbia—NSA Contractor Arrested in Possible New Theft of Secrets

(U) Washington—The FBI arrested a former National Security Agency contractor in August and, according to law enforcement officials, is investigating whether he stole and disclosed highly classified computer code developed by the agency to hack into the networks of foreign governments. According to a criminal complaint unsealed yesterday, the contractor was identified as Harold T. Martin III of Glen Burnie, Maryland—the second arrest in three years of a contractor from the consulting company Booz Allen Hamilton. Court documents state the FBI discovered thousands of pages of documents and dozens of computers or other electronic devices at his home and in his car, a large amount of it classified.

SOURCE: 5 October 2016, [New York Times](#)

**(U) Maryland—Guards, Inmates Accused of Prison Smuggling Scheme**

(U) Westover—A tip from a prison guard has yielded the single largest federal case in Maryland's history - 80 people including corrections officers, inmates and "outside facilitators" have been charged with orchestrating a vast contraband smuggling enterprise that traded drugs, tobacco and cellphones to prisoners for money and sex. A pair of federal indictments unsealed yesterday alleges that a sweeping racketeering scheme at the Eastern Correctional Institution in Westover — Maryland's largest state prison — lasted years and involved 18 prison guards, 35 inmates and 27 civilians. A US attorney said the investigation began in 2013 after a concerned corrections officer caught wind of the scheme that was perpetrated mostly by low-level correctional officers.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Missouri—County Police Officer Killed While Answering Disturbance Call**

(U) St Louis—A St Louis County police officer answering a disturbance call and shot "almost immediately" after he got out of his car this morning has died, police said. The shooting happened about 5:15 a.m. in Green Park, resulting in a second officer shooting the suspect, an 18-year-old man who was badly injured. The officer was identified as Blake Snyder, 33, a four-year veteran of the department. Police are not looking for any additional suspects.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) India—Police Arrest 70 for Targeting Americans in Tax Scam**

(U) New Delhi—Indian police have arrested 70 people and are questioning hundreds more after uncovering a massive scam to cheat thousands of Americans out of millions of dollars by posing as US tax authorities and demanding unpaid taxes, a police officer said today. According to police in Mumbai, the yearlong scam involved running fake call centers which sent voice mail messages telling US nationals to call back because they owed back taxes. The scam brought in more than \$150,000 a day, with 30 percent paid to collaborators in the US, according to police. An Indian news broadcaster reported that one US-based company allegedly collected the victims' personal information and passed it to the fake call centers.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Turkey—'Motorbike Bomb' Blast Wounds Ten**

(U) Istanbul—A bomb attached to a motorbike exploded near a police station in southwest Istanbul today, wounding 10 people, the provincial governor said. The blast occurred in the Yenibosna neighborhood, several kilometers from Istanbul Ataturk Airport. There were no immediate claims of responsibility, but Kurdish, leftist, and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant militants have all carried out bomb attacks across Turkey in the past.

SOURCE: 6 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) Arizona--\$104K in Meth Seized at US-Mexico Border Over Two Days**

(U) Nogales—US Customs and Border Patrol agents seized more than \$104,000 in methamphetamine in the past two days, according to CBP spokesman Emmanuel Vejar. A 25-year-old Sahuarita, Arizona, woman was arrested yesterday after drug-detection canines discovered more than 33 pounds of meth—valued at almost \$100,000—in the floor of her Chevy sedan. Agents also apprehended a 17-year-old

Mexican boy on 4 October after almost 1 1/2 pounds of meth, valued close to \$4,400, was found concealed in the groin area of his clothing. Both suspects, as well as the vehicle and the drugs, were turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. SOURCE: 5 October 2016, [Arizona Republic](#)

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